GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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CORPORAISATION OF DEPTT. OF TELECOM SERVICES
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have appointed an international agency namely, A.F.Ferguson to seek its expert opinion to convert Department of Telecom Services into a corporation;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the time by which the above said agency is likely to submit its report;

(c) the amount proposed to paid as compensation to the said Agency; and

(d) the reasons for which the government have opted for this Agency ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)

(a) to (d): Yes, Sir. A consortium of consultants led by M/s A.F.Ferguson and Co. has been appointed at a fixed amount of Rs.1.20 crores to assist in the development and implementation of a viable strategy for corporatisation of the Department of Telecom Services (and of the recently created Department of Telecom Operations). The consortium consists of M/s A.F.Ferguson & Co. M/s N.M.Rothschild & Sons, ABN AMRO Bank N.V. and M/s JDB Dadachanji & Co. An interim report has been submitted by the consultant n 31-7-2000, Vol.I of their final report to be submitted by 31-8-2000 and Vol.II of the final report by 15-11-2000. The consortium of consultants was selected through a bidding process, followed by a technical evaluation of the valid bids received, and thereafter a financial evaluation of the technically evaluated shortlisted bids.